

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 467  
WICHITA COUNTY  
LEOTI, KANSAS

Meeting Time and Place

1. The Board of Education of Unified School District #467, Wichita County, Kansas met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 14, 2019 in Leoti.

People Present

2. Members present were: Brian Gerstberger, Jason Koehn, Jim Myers, Tammy Simons, Brandon Whalen, Farrin Watt, and Josh Young.

Also present were: Superintendent, Keith Higgins; Clerk, Tammy Mason; WCES Principal, Lori Maxwell; and Guests: Nate Brown, Brant Douglas, Julie Conard, Dawn McKinney, Leslie Niswonger, Andrea Marchant, Lorelei Johnson, Jose Mendoza, Chandler Seaton, Xavier Hernandez, Ulises Rivera, Kevin Gonzalez, and Sonnie Altman.

Approved Consent Agenda

3. Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, Farrin Watt moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to approve the consent agenda with the addition of item number I. Accept a grant for \$30,000 from BCBS for Physical Wellness consisting of:
  - A. Agenda for the meeting.
  - B. Minutes of the December 10, 2018 regular meeting, the December 14, 2018 and December 18, 2018 special meetings.
  - C. Payments of the bills and payroll.
  - D. Personnel Actions: None
  - E. Accept a grant of \$1,000 from BCBS for a Healthy Habits for Life grant to Bridgette Carpenter and WCES.
  - F. Accept the fall semester 2018 KAYS report.
  - G. Approve the Bio 2 trip to Denver on March 31-April 1, 2019.
  - H. Accept a check from Box Tops for Education for \$386.70 for WCES.
  - I. Accept a grant of \$30,000 from BCBS for Physical Wellness.Motion passed 7-0.

## WCJSHS Book Club

4. Students from Mrs. Niswonger's and Mrs. Conard's English classes presented information on the WCJSHS Book Club. Mrs. Niswonger and Mrs. Conard wanted to try something new this year to encourage students to read, so they began a book club. Students explained what they read, why they enjoyed the book club, and if they thought it was successful. The Board thanked each student for sharing and the teachers for starting something new to encourage students to read. Mrs. Niswonger and the students left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

## WCES Principal's Report

5. Mrs. Maxwell, WCES principal, presented updates on the grade school. She said the WCES Winter Concert was very nice and she received a lot of compliments on the program. She commended Mrs. Bishop for her work on the program. She also presented the professional development survey results. Last Friday she and members of the technology committee traveled to Oakley schools to observe their technology program. She attended an OVT Chair Training at Sublette today. The Wichita County Spelling Bee is February 6, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the WCJSHS auditorium. Spelling bees are occurring in the grade school classrooms right now in preparation for the district spelling bee.

## Superintendent's Report

6. Mr. Higgins, Superintendent, presented an update on the school district's budget. WCES has seventy eight percent of their budget remaining for the year. WCJSHS has sixty eight percent of their budget remaining for the year. The financial audit was completed last week, they will send in the final audit information when it is completed. The board reviewed the utilities. The electric has increased a lot from previously, Mr. Higgins and Ed Simon are investigating the matter. Security State Bank is interested in advertising on the gym floors. They are willing to pay \$5,000 per year to have their logo on the gym floors. The Board will discuss this option further. Brad Lofstrom called Jason Koehn to inquire about the lots for sale at the old RBS site. Farrin Watt moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to sale four lots to the Northwest to Mr. Lofstrom for \$1,000 each and to give Wichita County Economic Development the remaining six lots on the East.

Motion passed 7-0. The Board will be recognized at the January 25<sup>th</sup> basketball game.

#### Advisory Board Reports

7. **Wichita County Economic Development**-Tammy Simons- Robyn Tokoi, Director, is working diligently on the daycare task force. Match day generated \$9,000. They are continuing work on the BCBS Pathways grants. The Business Care Center is receiving repairs.
- HPEC**-Farrin Watt-He attended a meeting via phone and the biggest issue HPEC is dealing with is staffing issues, a lot of turnover.
- NWKTC**-Josh Young-Via email updates, there have been some issues, one involving a gun scare on campus. They are collaborating with Fort Hays to bring more educational opportunities to students.
- PDC**-Jason Koehn- The last meeting he attended the main discussion was on having an early dismissal on Wednesdays to provide Professional Development time for staff.
- W.C. Rec**- Brian Gerstberger- There are a lot of activities underway right now with basketball and gymnastics. The Bike Share program has launched and can be seen around Leoti. Shannon Kreutzer, director, is introducing new activities such as crafting for children. She is also receiving training to become a lifeguard trainer. The Rec may have a color run during June Jaunt and start some adult league activities.

#### KESA

8. Members of the KESA team: Julie Conard, Brant Douglas, and Dawn McKinney presented an update on KESA. The KESA team is proposing an early dismissal every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. This will allow for professional development time throughout the year to have staff meetings, curriculum collaboration, training, etc. Mrs. McKinney left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

#### KASB Policy Revision

9. Brian Gerstberger moved and Brandon Whalen seconded to approve all of the KASB policy revisions presented as they will now be aligned with current statute. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Brown, Mr. Douglas, and Mrs. Conard left the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Executive Session

10. Jason Koehn moved and Tammy Simons seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins and Ms. Maxwell present to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:33 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. The open meeting resumed at 8:33 p.m., no action was taken. Ms. Maxwell left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Executive Session

11. Brandon Whalen moved and Brian Gerstberger seconded to enter into executive session to discuss individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. The regular meeting resumed at 8:55 p.m. No action was taken.

Executive Session

12. Tammy Simons moved and Jason Koehn seconded to enter into executive session with Mr. Higgins present to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 9:48 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. Brandon Whalen left the meeting at 9:42 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 9:48 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

13. Jim Myers officially adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

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Jim Myers, President

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Tammy Mason, Clerk of the Board